

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

**ABSTRACT**

Panchayats – Viravada Gram Panchayat, Pithapuram Mandal, East Godavari District- Smt. Medisetty Venkata Satya Kumari, W/o. Veerabhadra Rao, Sarpanch, Suspended Under Section 249/6 of A.P.P.R. Act, 1994 by the District Collector (PW), East Godavari District for Misappropriation of Gram Panchayat Funds - Revision Petition filed before the Government - Allowed – Orders – Issued.

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PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (PTS.II) DEPARTMENT

**G.O. Rt No. 1306**

**Dated:26-08-2008**

**Read the following:-**

- 1) From the District Collector, (PW), East Godavari District, Procs. Ref.No. 955/07/A2, dt. 24-03-2008.
- 2) From Smt. Medisetty. Venkata Satya Kumari, W/O. Veerabhadra Rao, Sarpanch, (Under Suspension) Viravada Gram Panchayat, Pithapuram Mandal, East Godavari District Revision Petition dated.03-04-2008.
- 3) Govt. Telegram No. 08822/PTs-II/A1/2008-1, dt. 15-04-2008.
- 4) From the District Collector (PW), East Godavari District, S.C.N. Ref.No. 955/07/A3, dt. 04-07-2008.
- 5) Govt. Telegram No. 08822/PTs-II/A1/2008-3, dt. 24-07-2008.

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**ORDER:**

In the reference 1<sup>st</sup> read above, the District Collector (PW), East Godavari District has suspended Smt. Medisetty Venkata Satya Kumari, W/o. Veerabhadra Rao, Sarpanch, (Under Suspension) Viravada Gram Panchayat, Pithapuram Mandal, East Godavari District under section 249 (6) of A.P.P.R. Act, 1994 for misappropriation of Gram Panchayat funds.

2. Aggrieved by the above said orders, in the reference 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, Smt. Medisetty Venkata Satya Kumari, W/o. Veerabhadra Rao, Sarpanch, (Under Suspension), Viravada Gram Panchayat, Pithapuram Mandal, East Godavari District has filed a Revision Petition before the Government to suspend/ to stay orders passed by the District Collector (PW), East Godavari District on the following grounds: -

- i) The complaint has filed by Sri Adapa Bheema Raju who was a Rowdy Sheeter and involved in three criminal cases which are pending against him on the files of Pitapuram Police Station and he was also elected as the Vice Chairman.
- ii) The Enquiry Officer have never attended Gram Panchayat nor conducted any inspection of records before filing of the report to the Collector (PW), East Godavari District.

3. As per the records of the District Collector (PW), East Godavari District has suspended Smt. Medisetty Venkata Satyakumari, W/o. Veerabhadra Rao,

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Sarpanch, Viravada Gram Panchayat, Pithapuram Mandal, East Godavari District for three months for misappropriation of Gram Panchayat funds to a tune of Rs. 1,73,117/- on the following grounds.

i) No vouchers and Bills are available in the records.

ii) No Gram Panchayat resolution for the expenditure of Rs.1,73,117/-

4. The case was heard on 17-04-2008. The Petitioner along with her advocate appeared. While reiterating the contents raised in the Revision Petition, the Petitioner's advocate argued that there is no misappropriation of funds and the entire amount were utilized for Health, Sanitary and Salaries of the employees of the Gram Panchayat and all the expenditure are supported by Bills and Vouchers and requested to set-aside the impugned proceedings the Petitioner has also pleaded to provide another opportunity to the Petitioner to submit the Voucher and Bills for the works taken up by the Petitioner. As requested by the Petitioner the District Panchayat Officer, who is present at the time of hearing has been directed to once again verify the records and the Vouchers and Bills produced by the Petitioner.

5. In the reference 4<sup>th</sup> read above, the District Collector (PW), East Godavari District has informed that, after verification of Vouchers and Bills in his Roc.No. 955/2007-A3, dt. 04-07-2008 issued a SCN Under section 265(1) of A.P.P.R. Act, 1994 calling upon the Petitioner to show cause as to why an amount of Rs. 12,579/- should not be recovered from her as the expenditure was incurred without sufficient voucher and Bills. The Petitioner has remitted the said amount of Rs. 12,579/- vide Chelan's No. 3656, dated. 08-07-2008.

6. The case was again heard on 04-08-2008. The Petitioner appeared through her Advocate and pleaded that as there is no misappropriation the impugned proceedings of the District Collector (PW), as set-aside and the suspension of the Petitioner be revoked.

7. Government have gone through the records and the arguments made by the Petitioner. Since the Petitioner has submitted the vouchers and Bills for the amount drawn and spent by the Petitioner under emergency on sanitation and health in order to prevent epidemics in the village, there is no justification to continue the Petitioner under suspension. The requisition petition is accordingly allowed.

8. The District Collector (PW), East Godavari District is requested to take necessary action accordingly.

**(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)**

**CHITRA RAMCHANDRAN,  
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

The Collector (PW), East Godavari District, Kakinada.

The Commissioner, PR & RE, A.P., Hyderabad.

The District Panchayat Officer, East Godavari District, Kakinada.

**Copy to:-**

Smt. Medisetty Venkata Satya Kumari, W/o. Veerabhadra Rao, Sarpanch,  
(Under Suspension) Viravada Gram Panchayat, Pithapuram Mandal,  
East Godavari District.

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**//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//**

**SECTION OFFICER**